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Hi-Q

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Meetings: 7:30 P.M.
2nd Thursday each month,
Room 245, McIntyre Bldg.
Confederation College.

Journal of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

CAMP 807 A HIT Norm VE3XRC

Sponsored by the Lake of the Woods Amateur Radio Society, the 14th Annual Camp 807 was held July 31, August 1st, and 2nd at the beautiful Sioux Narrows Provincial Park.

As this was our first trip to Camp 807, I was not sure what to expect. At supper time on Friday, the rigs started to pull into the campgrounds from Minnesota, Manitoba, and Northwestern Ontario. For some it was a time of renewing old friendships and for us it was a time to meet new friends and finally be able to put faces to what had only been callsigns and voices on HF for the past 4 years. While the men congregated around the HF station that was set up, the XYL's congregated around a campfire and complained about the men (so my wife tells me).

Saturday was a busy day. A small ham-fest was held before lunch, and after lunch the Wests (Jean N0GVG and Tom VE3PHF) provided boat tours on beautiful Lake of the Woods. Then came the BARBEQUE! You should have seen the size of those T-bone steaks. Next year, I intend on taking a bigger plate. About 115 steaks were cooked to perfection. Following supper (when it started to rain) an auction was held. The antics of the auctioneer (Woody VE3JJA) were priceless. Following the auction, a campfire and singalong were held.

On Sunday morning a continental breakfast was served followed by a demonstration of the 2 meter linking system that ties in Sioux Narrows, Canary, and Falcon Lake. Having made use of the system for a week, I was very impressed.

Thunder Bay was represented by Nestor VE3NPS, Linda VE3XLB and Norm VE3XRC. The Bell family has every intention of going back next year. The gang from Canary and Sioux Narrows did a super job on the 14th Annual Camp 807.

P.S. - SEEING IS BELIEVING!

For the past 4 years I have heard tales from different sources about Woody Linten VE3JJA. Never having met this infamous ham from Canary, I wasn't sure how many of these stories to believe. After meeting him and his wife Cathy VE3JJS, I now believe every one of them. Woody missed his calling; he should have been a comic, instead of a cop!

NEW Location - 10 Sept. Meeting

At the invitation of the Northwestern Ontario Senior Citizens Amateur Radio Club, the September '92 LARC meeting will be held at the usual 7:30 PM time period but at the +55 Centre, 700 River Street in the auditorium.

These larger facilities may well be the best opportunity to introduce your friends to the LARC, VE3SAO and Amateur Radio in comfortable surroundings with ample seating for all.

Don't forget, this is the time of year for membership renewals and encouraging others to join the club.

A.R.E.S. Application Form

Enclosed in this month's issue of HI Q is a form for persons willing to join A.R.E.S. (Amateur Radio Emergency Services). If you are interested in joining please complete same and forward to Skip (BBS) via mail c/o RR# 14, Mapleward Road, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 5E5 or bring to the September meeting. Completion of this form does supercede any other information presently on file. This form is compatible with our new Data Base and should be fully completed as per sample attached. Be assured that this form when completed and the associated Data Base is confidential and password protected. Early completion would be appreciated as an EMO exercise is in the offing during the month of September.

ED SEZ

Our (so called) summer has come and gone, and it's time for the club activities to pick up once again. Not that this summer has been quiet by any means. Many plans and plots have been hatched over coffee. Among them, the link radios have been poked and prodded into working to BCD's satisfaction by ICY, KRH, TKA et al, and soon they will be on line. NHX has been making plans for TBR with a total rebuild in mind. TKA, KRH and UA have been plotting secretly to litter the landscape with repeaters. If they had money, these guys would be dangerous folks.

Don't forget that the September meeting features our yearly elections, contact Nestor VE3NPS if you would like to be nominated for a position on the board. Classes will again be held this fall with yours truly at the helm. Dates haven't been finalized so stay tuned, and encourage your friends to get involved. T.T.F.N.

September for LARC Means Elections!!

The 10 September meeting is election night for the LARC.

Nestor VE3NPS is this years nominations officer (again). If you feel so inclined let him know, he will appreciate hearing from you and put your name forward at the meeting.

Provided below is an extract from our new constitution, listing the duties of club officers.

PRESIDENT

The President shall be responsible for the management of the Club to the authority of the Board.

VICE-PRESIDENT

During the absence or disability of the President, his/her duties shall be performed and his/her powers exercised by the Vice-President.

RECORDING SECRETARY

The Recording Secretary shall:

- 1) Attend and be the Secretary of ALL meetings of the members and Directors and enter minutes of all proceedings in books kept for that purpose;
- 2) Give notices to members and Directors as required;
- 3) Be the custodian of the Letters Patent, all books, papers, records, documents and other instruments belonging to the club;
- 4) As required by law, complete and mail annually all government returns, notices, and Incorporation documents;
- 5) Maintain a complete and accurate inventory of all club assets; and;

6) Receive a copy of the minutes from the meetings of all committees for the information of the Directors and the membership. At the conclusion of each committees terms of reference all original minutes shall be provided to the secretary for final audit purposes.

TREASURER

The Treasurer shall:

- 1) Keep full and accurate books of account in which shall be recorded all receipts and disbursements of the club;
- 2) Under the direction of the Board, shall control the deposit of money, the safekeeping of securities and the disbursements of the club;
- 3) At year end, turn over all accounting books and records to the auditor(s)
- 4) Receive the financial records of all committees for the purposes of an annual audit or at the conclusion of the committees terms of reference, which ever comes first; and
- 5) Submit an annual audited financial statement to the Board which is to be distributed to all members.

LARC Membership Renewals

Included with this HI-Q is a convenient membership renewal form. It is a multi-purpose form. The personal information at the top of the form will be used to update the Northwestern Ontario Amateur Radio Call-Book.

We have included an area for your comments. If there is something extra we should be doing let us know. It's your club, help the executive plan for an interesting and eventful year.

LOCAL HAMS RECOGNIZED BY CARF

VE3PHU and VE3BBS were recently the recipients of CARF awards for their placing in the Canada Winter Contest 1991. VE3PHU (Pat) placed first in Ontario SSB 20 Meters and VE3BBS (Skip) placed first in Ontario for All Band SSB. Both received the CARF Awards to signify the accomplishment. Pat and Skip are both members of L.A.R.C.

PREZ SEZ

Hi, how's it going? Welcome to the September issue of HI-Q. Pretty mild "winter we've been having so far eh? I'm wondering if antenna season is just around the corner or if it might already be here (or maybe it never ended).

A number of projects are still on the go. The phone link up to VE3YQT is starting to come together, tough to find volunteers during such a "r. summer, but it is coming. At least VE3TBR has been performing well over the last few months.

My ear is to the ground regarding the upcoming simulated emergency which should occur sometime in September. I "hear" that it will "probably" be an international disaster and require communications across the border for more than one day. Sounds somewhat like a great opportunity for some HF and longer range VHF stuff. So start setting up those remote communications posts and get ready to copy. I think this will be a great chance to prove our worth once again and impress the heck out of everybody, not to mention making a few friends in various Canadian and U.S. services and radio clubs. The word is that the U.S. side is really pumped for this one so lets not let them show us up.

The September meeting will be held at VE3ASO at the usual time. (notice - Page 1) Elections will be held at that meeting. So come out and support your favorite cause....73 de VUK

Amateur Radio To the Rescue!

This is a story about how Ham radio was used to save a significant amount of time, inconvenience and worry. It also may be used as a tool on your wife or significant other, to justify the cost of a mobile HF rig.

On a fairly bright sunny July Saturday I picked Mike up for a trip into the Graham logging area. The purpose of the trip was to catch fish. Mike, a ham (VE3VDT) and radio technician saw the HF rig in the front seat and commented, "Not another radio, I've been looking at those all week. This is a fishing trip not a ham radio weekend, right?"

I agreed but added it might come in handy. After a two and a half hour drive we arrived at our destination. A very secluded lake, 12 miles down old cutting roads and skidder trails, off the Graham Road, near Camp 602 and known only by a very few dedicated fishermen.

The fishing was great, we camped overnight, enjoyed fresh pickerel for two meals and despite a little rain all had gone gloriously well. We cleaned the fish, had supper Sunday evening and packed up the canoe and gear to head home with our prize fillets. I got into the truck, started it up to warm it and was surprised when it stalled about a minute after starting.

I attempted to start it again, no go. Mike and I poured gas into the carb and it ran briefly. I disconnected the fuel pump line and cranked it over, nothing, it was kaput.

"Oh great" I thought. It's only a 12 hour walk to the nearest lodge and the nearest garage in Upsala, 50 miles away. I pulled the fuel pump twice, cleaning and

working it with WD40, but it would not work.

At 11:00 PM I put the 40 Metre Hamstick element on the bumper radioed out a request for assistance to Ayr K9DHR. As he was at his camp in Upper Wisconsin and didn't have a phone, he used 2 Metres to call his friend Jack Peterson KC9NE in Eagle River, Wisconsin. I asked Jack to call my sister in Thunder Bay and ask her to call Wawang Lake Lodge and see if they could pick us up. I was sure the owner knew of the lake as he had minnow traps and took bear hunters in. We held on frequency and Jack advised us, at 11:30, that they would look for us first thing in the morning. It was easier to sleep knowing people were aware of our situation.

At 8:30 AM we heard the sound of a horn. Mike ran out to the main road and met James, the son of the lodge owners. He asked to see the radio so we showed him, also I pulled the fuel pump out again and took it with me.

After a 45 minute truck ride we arrived at the lodge, where by good fortune, there was a fuel pump the same as mine, fitted on a '77 Chev. We removed the Chev pump, drove back to our truck, installed it and drove out; a very lucky stroke indeed. Back at the Wawang Lake Lodge, the owners wife asked only that we reimburse her for the gas and return the fuel pump, very generous of these people after the help they had been to us. Their teenage daughter, Tasmin, was very interested in the radio gear and would like some info on how she could become a ham as well. So now I will always carry my ham radio and the socket set when off the beaten track in Northwestern Ontario...73 de Glen Wallace VE3ICY.

VE3YQT 900 MHz Link Update.

Progress has been made in the past few weeks, assembly and wiring are almost finished. Techs involved to date are; Laurie VE3BCD, Steve VE3KRH, Glen VE3ICY and Terry VE3TKA. The first two way radio contact between Steve and Terry was achieved on August 18, 1992 at 11:30 PM.

The transmitters are now in the loving care of Bill VE3EFC for tuning and alignment.

Laurie and Glen needed a couple of weeks off after all the hard work, and so are traveling to parts unknown. Work will resume following their return. YEEAAA TEAM!!!

We Welcome! New Area Amateurs.

Barry Hunter

Manuel Migueis - VE3MPT

The following calls have been assigned to new amateurs announced in the last Hi-Q:

Julie Reiner - VE3JXR

Jim Dixon - VE3XJD

Alexiss Rusnak - VE3RUR

Congratulations to all and welcome to ham radio.